

Waterford Waterway Management District

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Municipal Boundary Review Program
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To the Board of Review members:

The Waterford Waterway Management District (WWMD) was formed in January of 2003 through a petition approved by the Racine County Economic Development and Use Planning Committee in order to develop a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district under Wisc. Stats. 33.14.

The District waterways represents approximate 1,200 acres and 1,000 riparian, or waterfront owners in the northeastern part of Racine County in SE Wisconsin. The district includes the Fox River, Tichigan Lake, Conservancy Bay, Buena Lake, Waterford Lake and several smaller bays that surround the entire watershed.

The mission statement of the WWMD is to:

Maintain, protect, and improve the quality of the Waterford Waterway, its fisheries, its watershed, and boundaries; while maintaining the highest possible quality of living experience for its residents.

In order to coordinate the efforts on delivering the Mission Statement, the district is operated by a committee of 7 volunteers, 5 are elected by the riparian community (to a 3 year term) and two that are appointed, one by the Town of Waterford and one by Racine County. This commissions efforts guide and direct the activities of the WWMD through the following committees:

Aquatic Plant Management (APM), Hydrology and Navigation (ESR), Marketing, Information and Education, Legislative, Special Projects and Finance

The board meets on a monthly basis in an open public forum to review and discuss WWMD business. In addition to the monthly meetings, a strong presence has been established through our WWMD website, Social Media campaign, electronic mailings and direct mailing all in an effort to keep the riparian community informed. On an annual basis the commission conducts a meeting for all riparian owners to present the upcoming years budget and also to elect commissioners whose positions are coming due.



Through partnership with the Wisconsin DNR, these committees are targeted on insuring that the waterway achieves the highest quality possible in the areas of Environmental Restoration, Vegetation Management, Storm Water Runoff, Fisheries, Recreation and Water Safety.

The WWMD also works very closely with the following agencies in order to bring together not only the community of Waterford but this entire part of SE Wisconsin:

South Eastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission (SEWFRC), SEWRPC, Racine County Land and Conservation Board, Citizens Against Underwater Sediment Erosion (CAUSE), the Town and Village of Waterford, Membership of Wisconsin Association of Lakes, Racine County Lakes Association, and cooperation of Kenosha/Racine County Land Trust.

Thank you for the opportunity to share information about this part of SE Wisconsin and Racine County and the many exciting and positive things that are happy to one of the largest waterways in the state.

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